SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY

BASEBALL

1992

Season Outlook

The term "rebuilding" has become a bit overused in sports recently, with any team hoping to better its fortunes from the preceding year now seemingly in the midst of rebuilding. Therefore, in his own unique style, Salisbury State baseball coach Deane Deshon has labeled the 1992 season as a "recovery year" for his Sea Gulls, who look to rebound from last year's 9-21 campaign.

Deshon will begin the recovery process with a mixture of returnees and newcomers on the mound, including last year's number one starter **Doug Burig**, who pitched better than his 2-6 record would indicate. The senior hopes to build on the success of his final '91 start, a complete-game six-hitter against NCAA Tournament-bound York. Joining Burig in the rotation will be junior **Don Rera**, 2-1 last year in 34.1 innings of work. Leading candidates to round out the starting rotation include **Chris Hall, Tom Keating** and left-hander **J.P. Quinn**.

A number of other hurlers also are expected to see action as Deshon and pitching coach Jeff Dean spend the early part of the season searching for a reliable closer. Sophomore **Jeff Garrett** (1-2 in '91) could emerge as that person. The Gulls also have junior **David Little**, lefty **Scott Schanberger**, a transfer from Essex CC, sophomore **Bill DeAtley** and newcomer **Jimmy Sarbanes**.

The bulk of the catching duties will once again be handled by steady receiver **Frank DelGaudio**, returning for his third year in the starting role. Sophomore **Chris Adams** and two freshmen, **Darren Bush** and **Ed Stephan**, will vie for the back-up job.

The infield will feature new starters at three of four positions. Salisbury native **Brad Rickards**, who served primarily as the DH last year, takes over at first base. He batted .267 last year. Senior **Rod Harrison** (.279) returns as the incumbent at second base, where he will be backed up by junior transfer **Scott Lowman**.

Sophomore **Derek Yobst**, a part-time infielder and pitcher in 1991, takes over full time at shortstop. Meanwhile, junior **David Harris**, who was a back-up at short last season, moves over to the hot corner, replacing graduated John Hershberger at third base. Two other newcomers, sophomore transfer **Greg Weddell** and freshman **John Simon**, could see duty in the infield.

The outfield features three probable starters who all saw considerable action last season. **Dean Hamburg** (.324) returns to his starting role in left. Centerfield will probably be patrolled by junior **David Shull**, a welcome surprise in '91 who finished the year batting .262. **Steve Wooters**, the team's best all-around defensive outfielder, is likely to start the year in right. **Andy Harrison**, who missed all of last season due to injury, and first-year player **Brian Tolley**, will also contribute.

Helping Deshon in this year's recovery is a schedule which includes 21 home dates. Conversely, many of last year's top Division III squads, including Trenton State, Eastern Connecticut State, Methodist and York, also dot that slate. The Gulls hope to start quick as they play nine straight at home before venturing south on their annual Spring Break road trip.

Coaches

Deane Deshon, head coach, is now in his 29th year at Salisbury State University. Deshon is the eighth winningest active Division III baseball coach, having amassed a 447-348-12 career record. Deshon has guided his teams to winning records in 19 seasons, including 13 of the last 16 years, and his teams have averaged 19 wins per season since 1976. Last year, the Gulls finished 9-21 overall and saw their unprecedented string of four straight Eastern States Athletic Conference championships halted.

SSU visited the NCAA Tournament five times since 1977, and appeared in the NAIA district championships four times, 1969-1972. Deshon's most successful squad may have been the 1977 team, which finished 33-11 and third place in the NCAA Regionals. Deshon was honored as the NCAA Division III Coach of the Year that season.

Deshon received bachelor's degrees from Maine Maritime and the University of Maine, and has a master's from the University of Maryland. He also served as co-captain of the 1960 University of Maine baseball team.

Jeff Dean, assistant coach, is serving in his third season as an assistant with the Sea Gulls. He will assume greater responsibility in 1992 as the team's pitching coach. Since coming to Salisbury after two years as an assistant at Bridgewater (VA) College, Dean has been Deshon's top assistant, helping in all areas of the program. A four-year letterman as a pitcher at Bridgewater, Dean compiled an impressive 3.50 career ERA. His best season came as a junior, when he posted a 7-1 record, earned all-conference honors and led his team to the ODAC championship. Dean received his Bachelor of Science in health and physical education from Bridgewater in 1987 and earned his master's in educational administration from SSU in 1991.

Frank Szymanski, assistant coach, is a three-year letterman who was co-captain of last year's team. He begins his first season as an assistant. An agile first baseman and consistent power hitter as a player, Szymanski will work primarily with the outfielders this season. He batted .292 with two home runs and 16 RBIs last year, and graduated in May, 1991 as a physical education major.

1992 Roster

No.	Name	Yr	Ht	Wt	B	T	Hometown	High School
Catchers								
39	Bush, Darren	Fr	5'10"	165	R	R	Flemington, NJ	Hunterdon Central
23	DelGaudio, Frank*	Sr	6'0"	180	R	R	Wading River, NY	Shoreham
27	Stephan, Ed	Fr	5'11"	160	R	R	Wilmington, DE	Salesianum
Pitchers								
19	Burig, Doug*	Sr	6'1"	190	R	R	Elkton, MD	Elkton
35	DeAtley, Bill	So	6'0"	150	R	R	Waldorf, MD	LaPlata
25	Garrett, Jeff	So	5'7"	165	R	R	Va. Beach, VA	Floyd E. Kellan
31	Hall, Chris	Jr	5'11"	165	R	R	Berlin, MD	Stephen Decatur
43	Keating, Tom	Jr	6'4"	212	R	R	Denton, MD	North Caroline
28	Quinn, J.P.	Sr	6'0"	150	L	L	Baltimore, MD	Parkville
30	Rera, Don	Jr	5'7"	160	R	R	Bayport, NY	Bayport, Blue Pt.
38	Sarbanes, Jimmy	Jr	6'0"	193	R	R	Salisbury, MD	Wicomico
Outfielders								
21	Hamburg, Dean	Sr	6'0"	170	R	R	Boonsboro, MD	St. Maria Garetti
41	Harrison, Andy	So	5'8"	185	R	R	Georgetown, DE	Sussex Central
42	Shull, David	So	6'0"	185	R	R	Denton, MD	North Caroline
26	Wooters, Steve	Jr	6'0"	180	R	R	Elkton, MD	Elkton
Infielders								
34	Harris, David	Jr	6'0"	175	R	R	Seaford, DE	Seaford
29	Harrison, Rod	Sr	5'8"	175	R	R	Dover, DE	Dover
24	Lowman, Scott	Jr	5'10"	180	R	R	Annapolis, MD	Old Mill
20	Rickards, Brad	Jr	6'1"	200	L	R	Salisbury, MD	Wicomico
22	Yobst, Derek	So	6'0"	160	R	R	Salisbury, MD	J.M. Bennett

* Co-Captains

Coaches: Head—40 Deshon, Deane

Assistants—44 Dean, Jeff 33 Szymanski, Frank

1991 Statistical Leaders

Average

John Hershberger	.410
Dean Hamburg	.324
John Lettieri	.313

Runs

John Hershberger	25
Dean Hamburg	24
John Lettieri	22

Wins

Doug Burig	2
Andy Redmond	2
Don Rera	2

RBIs

John Hershberger	23
Frank Szymanski	16
John Lettieri	14

Hits

John Hershberger	48
Dean Hamburg	34
Frank Szymanski	26

Strikeouts

Doug Burig	44
Andy Redmond	23
Don Rera	21

Bold type indicates 1992 returnee.

Seniors to Watch

Frank DelGaudio - Catcher
Four-year letterman who has handled the starting job since his sophomore year...A solid team leader...Has shown steady improvement each season...A good handler of pitchers who should also be a productive offensive player in 1992...A graphic design major.

Doug Burig - Pitcher
A hard-luck hurler last season who was better than his 2-6 record indicates...Pitched a complete game six-hitter with nine strikeouts in his final start of '91 to snap York College's 18-game winning streak...Exhibits good control and mixes speeds well...Will be SSU's number one starter this year...A political science major.

Rod Harrison - Second Base
Second-year player who transferred from Cecil CC...Came on strong in second half of '91 season, finishing at .279...A line drive hitter who makes consistent contact...Struck out just five times in 68 plate appearances last year...Dedicated weight lifter who is one of the strongest players on the squad...A business administration major.

Dean Hamburg - Left Field
One of the team's best all-around athletes who enjoyed a productive '91 season...Batted .324 with 34 hits and 24 runs scored...Has good speed and led the team in steals with 14 last year...Was SSU's primary leadoff man last year and should fill the same role in '92...Started his career at Hagerstown CC...A physical education major.

J.P. Quinn - Pitcher
First-year addition to the mound corps after transferring from Virginia Intermont College...A southpaw who could see duty as a starter or reliever...Crafty pitcher who mixes pitches well...Will have only one year of eligibility at SSU...A psychology major.

Senior catcher Frank DelGaudio returns for his third year as a starter behind the plate.

SSU Recordbook

Season

Hitting

At-bats	166	Joe Frisbee	1977
Runs	54	Jay Wilson	1985
Hits	68	Jesse Plummer	1977
Total Bases	97	Robin Knight	1976
Doubles	19	Bryan Perry	1978
Triples	6	Jesse Plummer	1977
Home Runs	10	Robin Knight	1976
RBIs	52	Jay Wilson	1985
Walks	39	Dave Funk	1977
Average	.475	Bruce Matthews	1988
Stolen Bases	42	Mike Shockley	1990

Pitching

Wins	12	Bruce Brushe	1977
Appearances	21	Jim Whaley	1978
Most Innings	99	Brian Brushe	1977
ERA	1.99	Bob Caples	1981
Winning Pct.	.916	Bruce Lane (11-1)	1976

Career

Hitting

At-bats	555	Dave Funk	1976-79
Runs	147	Dave Funk	1976-79
Hits	199	Dave Funk	1976-79
Total Bases	284	Dave Funk	1976-79
Doubles	47	Bryan Perry	1975-78
Triples	11	Jesse Plummer	1975-77
Home Runs	21	Robin Knight	1975-78
	21	Jeff Brubaker	1981-84
RBIs	129	Robin Knight	1975-78
Walks	90	Dave Funk	1976-79
Average	.420	Bruce Matthews	1985-88
Stolen Bases	125	Chuck Hebron	1978-81

Pitching

Wins	28	Wyatt Kerley	1976-79
Most Innings	302	Brian Brushe	1975-78
Strikeouts	322	Phil Briggs	1966-69

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
MARCH		
1	**RUTGERS CAMDEN**	1:00
3	**TRENTON STATE**	3:00
7	**EASTERN (2)**	noon
8	**KEAN**	1:00
10	**VIRGINIA WESLEYAN**	3:00
14	**LINCOLN (2)**	1:00
15	**EASTERN CONNECTICUT ST.**	12:30
18	**ST. MARY'S**	3:00
21	Christopher Newport	1:00
22	Randolph Macon	1:00
23	Methodist	3:00
24	Lynchburg	3:00
25	Hampden Sydney	3:00
APRIL		
1	**WESLEY**	3:00
4	Virginia Wesleyan	1:00
5	**CATHOLIC (2)**	1:00
8	Wesley	3:00
11	Allentown (2)	noon
14	**WASHINGTON**	3:00
16	**CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT**	3:00
18	Frostburg State (2)	noon
23	Wilmington	3:00
25	**SHENANDOAH (2)**	1:00
28	Glassboro State	3:30
MAY		
1	**NEWPORT NEWS**	3:00
6	**WILMINGTON**	3:00
9	**YORK (2)**	1:00

Home Games - Bold Caps

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